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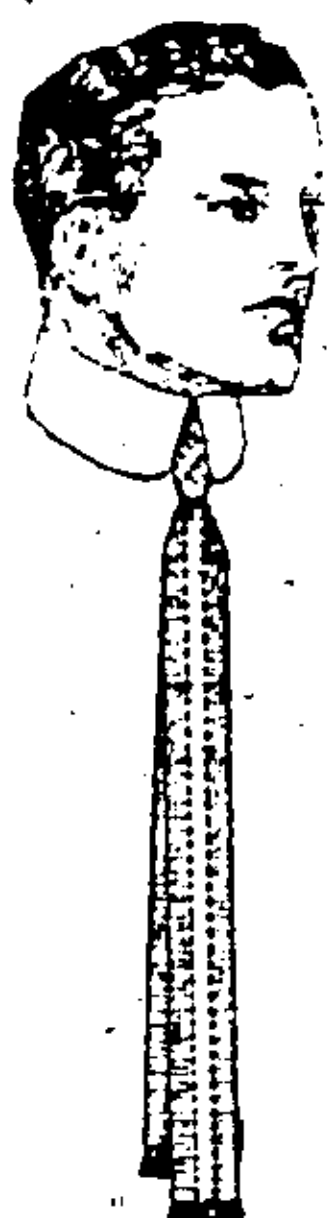
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ISLAM OR DEATH

SITUATION EASTERN ERNAD STILL SERIOUS.

MAN PLAYED ALIVE.

CALCUTTA, October 3.

The situation in Eastern Ernad is still serious. The rebel leader Chembasserie Thangal is reported to have declared jihad. He has threatened to kill every Hindu refusing to join Islam. The rebels complain that the Hindus are helping the Government. Thousands of refugees have arrived at Manjeri where they have been accommodated in shops. They tell terrible stories of barbarity. For example Chembasserie played a man accused of supplying the military with milk. The rebels are sheltering in the hills where they descend at night to the villages where Moplah women supply them with food and beat drums when the military approach.

"DEATH OR INDEPENDENCE"

BOLSHEVISTS AND MOSLEMS FIGHT AT BAKU.

LONDON, October 3.

According to the Azerbaijan information bureau in London, thousands of casualties occurred in a fierce battle between Bolshevik troops and Moslems at Baku. It appears that Azerbaijan insurgents hoisted the national flag inscribed "Independence or death." Bolshevik warships on the Caspian thereupon fired at the town, whence, after stubborn fighting, the Tartars retired. An Azerbaijan red regiment joined the insurgents. It is reported that the Bolsheviks have offered to negotiate.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR DIVINE BLESSING.

LONDON, October 3.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, as president of the world alliance for promoting international friendship through the churches, has sent letters to the presidents of the national councils of the United States, European countries, Japan and Turkey appealing to all the Christian churches to set apart November 6 as a day of prayer for divine blessing on the Washington Conference.

ANOTHER 25 PER CENT. DROP

IRON AND STEEL WAGES DROP 132 PER CENT SINCE JANUARY.

LONDON, October 3.

Under the sliding scale adopted by the board of conciliation and arbitration of the manufactured iron and steel trade of North England, wages will be reduced 25 per cent. immediately, making the total reductions since January 132 per cent. The present wage scale is 97 per cent. above that prevailing before the war.

LYONS FAIR OPENED.

A UNIQUE DISPLAY OF FRENCH GOODS.

PARIS, October 3.

The ninth Lyons fair was inaugurated by the Lyons Mayor, Senator Herriot, assisted by representatives of several nations. The fair offers a unique display of French goods, and testifies to French industry's unrelenting efforts towards pre-war prosperity.—Havas.

AMERICAN COTTON.

CROP ONLY HALF LAST YEAR'S FINAL YIELD.

LONDON, October 3.

An official report of the condition of the cotton crop on September 26, indicates that the crop amounts to 6,537,000 bales compared with the 1920 final yield of 13,439,000. Stocks are unchanged.

ALLIED DEBT TO AMERICA.

NOT A QUESTION FOR THE DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, October 4.

It is authoritatively stated that the United States Government considers the allied debt not properly a question for discussion at the disarmament conference.

COAL SUBSIDY DISPUTE.

OWNERS AGREE TO ACCEPT ARBITRATION.

LONDON, October 3.

A meeting of South Wales coal owners at Cardiff decided to accept the invitation of the Mines Department to refer the subsidy dispute to arbitration.

LARGE AIRPLANE CRASHES.

OFFICER AND FOUR MECHANICS KILLED IN KENT.

LONDON, October 2.

A large Vickers Vimy machine crashed and burst into flames at Manston Aerodrome in Kent. An officer and four mechanics were killed.

IRISH CONFERENCE.

ULSTER PREMIER RECEIVES NO INVITATION.

LONDON, October 3.

Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, states that he has received no invitation to the Irish peace conference fixed for October 11.

THE DOLLAR.

Today's closing rate 2/11 5/8
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DAMAGES FOR "DOCTOR."

WRONGFUL ARREST PROVED.

HOW OVER RENT RECEIPT.

A Chinese "doctor" who confessed that his sole claim to the title was its appearance on a signboard hung outside his premises, appeared in the Summary Court to-day as the plaintiff in an action for damages (estimated at \$500) for assault and false imprisonment. The defendant was a Chinese shoemaker called Hu Pui who lives at 31 Queen's Road East.

Mr. F. E. Nash, who appeared to support the claim, explained that the plaintiff, Wong King Yin, was an assistant to his brother who was also a Chinese doctor. The latter leased a row of 14 houses in Queen's Road East and the ground floor of one of them was occupied by the defendant. The plaintiff helped his brother in collecting rent from the houses and it was in connection with certain rent receipts that the dispute occurred which led to the plaintiff being marched off to the police station at the defendant's instigation.

In his evidence the plaintiff said that about 6 p.m. on September 8, he went to see the defendant and gave him a proper rent receipt in exchange for a temporary one issued previously. The defendant then asked him to take the rent for the eighth month but witness declined to accept it just then, not having a proper receipt form with him. Hu Pui then caught him by the chest with one hand and struck him with the other, blowing a police whistle meanwhile. Witness wanted to blow his police whistle, too, but when he did his hand into his pocket for it the defendant intercepted him. Then two Europeans and an Indian constable appeared and the defendant asked that witness should be arrested. Witness agreed to go anywhere with them but asked to be permitted to go by ricksha. The Europeans and the Indian constable caught hold of him, however, and the whole party walked along to the No. 2 Police Station at Wanchai.

At the police station the Sergeant in charge questioned the defendant who declared that witness ought to be locked up. Eventually, after being in custody for about a quarter of an hour, he was released.

"Have you any qualifications of any sort?" queried Mr. H. E. Denys, cross-examining on behalf of the defendant. "Well no," was the plaintiff's naive admission, "all I've got is a signboard outside the door." The Court had another smile when he added that while he hadn't got any diplomas himself his father had been a "medical officer to the army."

An Indian sergeant stated that he arrested the plaintiff by direction of the defendant who alleged that the plaintiff had given a false receipt. He caught hold of the defendant and brought him along to the police station.

Acting Sub-Inspector Shafton gave evidence that when the party arrived at the station the defendant charged the plaintiff with attempting to obtain rent and with issuing false receipts. After hearing what the defendant had to say he decided that the charge was a false one and had the plaintiff released.

Mr. Denys submitted at this stage that there was no case to answer but was directed by the Puisne Judge (Mr. J. R. Wood) to go ahead with his evidence. The defendant then went into the witness box and denied that he was responsible for the plaintiff's arrest. The plaintiff, he said, did not give him a proper receipt.

He abused witness who then caught him by the tail of his coat whereupon the plaintiff produced a police whistle and blew it.

Two of the defendant's folk were called but they were not able to throw much light on the controversy. Addressing the Judge Mr. Denys argued that it had not been shown that the defendant was responsible for the plaintiff's arrest. He was, quite justified in making a complaint and if the police chose to take the matter up and arrest the plaintiff, then it was nothing to do with him.

His Honour found that the plaintiff had proved his case and assessed the damages at \$25, with costs.

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HARKE:—On September 25, 1921,
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K. Harke, a daughter.

STELLINGWERF:—On September
27, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. C. J. Stellingwerf, a son.

ROBERTSON:—On September 27,
1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and
Mrs. W. B. Robertson, a
daughter.

MARRIAGES.

OSWALD-WHEEN:—On September
26, 1921, at Shanghai John
Oswald, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., of the
Maritime Customs, late Captain
of the Royal Engineers, son of the
late Mr. and Mrs. Oswald,
Edinburgh, to Olive Margery,
only daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Edward Whéen, Shanghai.

JONES-FORD-DUNN:—On Septem-
ber 27, 1921, at Shanghai,
David Phillip Walter Jones, of
Shanghai, to Alexa Ford-Dunn,
eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
Ford-Dunn, Southampton, Eng-
land.

DEATHS.

PIEY:—On September 26, 1921, at
Shanghai, Charles Louis Pley,
aged 59 years.

RENNER:—On September 26, 1921,
at Shanghai, William Modder
Rever, the infant son of Mr. and
Mrs. W. M. Reeves, aged three
days.

BITTER:—On September 27, 1921,
at Shanghai, Marguerite, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bitter,
dearly regretted.

The China Mail.

TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, OCT. 4, 1921.

"PLEASE KEEP IT OUT OF
THE PAPER."

The time has come to announce
once more that people really must not
ask us to "keep it out of the paper."
They will but waste their time and
ours. Strong as their reasons may
appear to them, they are windblown
straws as compared with the com-
pelling reasons that forbid us to "ob-
lige." That is how they express it; all
we are asked to be "obliging." Poor
So-and-so has "got into trouble,"
been exposed in Court; "his wife is at
Shanghai for the good of her health,
and if she sees it in the papers she
will be upset. Please leave it out. It
is of no interest to anybody, anyway."
It is with arguments like that they
come to us. What happens when an
editor is caught in a weak moment,
and thus persuaded to be obliging?
Nothing recognizable at the time, but
later—the same request is made in a
case that really should not be hushed
up. "It cannot be done," says the
now strong-minded editor. "Oh, yes,
it can," comes the retort. "You did
it for So-and-so, and I cannot see
why you cannot do it for me." It
looks as if the editor is demonstrably
in the wrong, and so he is, not for
doing the right thing now, but for
having done wrong before when he
was "obliging." Whether newspapers
should be published at all or not,
whether they are a bigger nuisance
than a benefit is not the question for
us to settle here. The position is that
newspapers, for good or ill, or both,
are part of our communal life. They
are established, and their duty is to
give the news. That kind of news
the kind we are usually urged to leave

out, by interested parties, is perhaps,
however uninteresting to habituated
newspaper readers, the most educa-
tional and important. The people
cannot all attend Court to learn their
own laws. They learn them from the
newspaper reports. The newspaper
which reports that So-and-so was
fined \$50 for breach of some Ordin-
ance, is really doing propaganda work
for the Government. Besides, as we
have already reminded you, news-
papers are an established part of our
social machinery, and, however
"obliging" an editor personally might
wish to be, he must know that the
newspaper publicity in such cases
has come to be regarded as part of
the penalty for the lawbreaker. It
is unthinkable that he has the right
to vary the penalty in that way,
reducing it for his friends, or for the
friends of his friends, while letting
the full burden rest on offenders
who happen to be strangers to him, or
to have no influence. To be fair he
would have to omit all police court
reports. "Then do that," no doubt
the interested applicant would say,
but we do not think we need argue at
any length the unreasonableness of
that. The Government would have
a right to object, and the whole of the
law-abiding section of the community
could fairly protest. The *China
Mail* desires it to be understood and
known once for all that so far as
it is concerned, its answer to all such
requests will be a flat and final "No."
Our friends are therefore advised to
avoid the Police Courts. If they
figure there, and ask us to "keep
it out of the paper," we cannot
honestly "oblige" them,
and will not try. We may even, if
provoked by persistence in this
unreasonable request, consider the
feasibility of giving such cases extra
and unusual prominence.

"Habet aliquil ex iniquo omni
magnam exemplum, quod contra
singulos utilitate publica repperit."
This maxim of Tacitus has to be
remembered in what seem really "hard
luck" cases, where, for example, an
innocent parent pleads for such
mitigation of the suffering caused him
by an errant offspring. Compassionate
once in such a case, although doubtful
of our right and very reluctant, we
"stretched the point" and suppressed
a report, and the expressions of
gratitude offered were some com-
pensation for our mental uneasiness.
But one of the other papers published
the case, so that our sacrifice was
largely wasted. Long after we had
an opportunity of estimating the
worth of that pleading parent's
gratitude. He had some advertising
to give out. He gave it to the paper
that had refused to "oblige" him,
and not to us who did. Mentioning
this example in the presence of our
eccentric contributor "Adversarius,"
that unsympathetic person jeered.
"Serves you right," he said. "You
ought to have known better. Cast
your bread upon the waters, and bid
it a fond and final adieu, so far as
Hongkong is concerned."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The vernacular press reports that
all former private German properties
in Hankow, confiscated by the
Chinese authorities, have been re-
turned to their original owners.

In consequence of the activity of
pirates, Shanghai rice merchants are
arranging to sail their boats bringing
cargo to Shanghai in fleets, under the
protection of the Water Police.

The total output of the Kailan
Mining Administration's mines for
the week ending September 17, 1921,
amounted to 64,858 tons and the sales
during the period, to 84,651 tons.

A Japanese named Hidoo
Torio, has been sentenced at Singa-
pore to four years' rigorous imprison-
ment for defrauding the Netherlands
Trading Society of a sum of \$16,000,
by means of a forged draft. Hidoo
was formerly in business for himself
in Rangoon.

The death is announced in
Yokohama of Bishop Walter Russell
Lambuth, D.D. Bishop Lambuth was
born in Shanghai in 1854. After
taking M.A. and M.D. degrees in
America, he returned to China and
served as a medical missionary at
Shanghai, Soochow, and Peking from
1877 to 1886. He founded and was in
charge of Soochow Hospital from 1882
to 1885, and the M.E. Hospital in
Peking from 1885 to 1886. He was
elected bishop in 1910.

The wedding was solemnized at
H. M. British Consulate and
later at the Holy Trinity Cathedral,
on September 28, of Miss Katherine
Beatrice Coombes, of Southampton
and London, to Mr. Lewis J. Parlane,
a well known resident of Shanghai.
Miss Coombes was a nursing sister in
a nursing home and has seen service
with the Red Cross in France during
the war. Mr. Parlane has been con-
nected with the General Electric
Company of China for some years.

LOCAL LITERARY
OUTPUT.

THE SECOND "SWASTIKA"

The *Swastika*, produced as a vehicle
for the presentation of amateur
literary efforts locally, has made its
second appearance, under the editor-
ship of Mr. E. W. Hamilton. When
the scheme was first mooted, we gave
it every encouragement in our power.
We did not know of how much or
how little of literary talent our Colony
might be possessed; but we felt that
it ought to have its chance. A
quarterly magazine on some such
lines as these offered it that chance,
more than the daily newspapers have
been offering, since their range is
limited chiefly to writings of one
category, news or comment on news.
Even now we have not evidence
sufficient to warrant the assertion
that we have not very much literary
talent available, since it could be said
that some exists which for one reason
or another has not embraced the
opening offered by the *Swastika*. We
do say, however, that if the *Swastika*,
so far as it has gone, represents the
maximum output, it is scarcely worth
carrying on. The excellent
"sympathetic" feature even yet has
not been properly developed, and we
are obliged to suspect a certain
editorial slackness here. Such things
require vigorous organising, and Mr.
Hamilton has an air of carrying his
responsibilities lightly.

The longest item is a parody on
Fitzgerald's *Rubaiyat*, of which,
because it was written by a young man
who has since died, we would have
preferred not to say much. Since,
however, it has been picked out for
honourable mention by two of the
other papers, we feel obliged
to point out that Omar is
parodied with fatal ease (super-
ficially); that as a parody this
is not good; and as verse it can claim
no merit other than the slight humour
which suffices to tickle the Mess
Room. To say of it, as the *Post* did,
that it is "really quite a good parody
both of the form and spirit of
Fitzgerald's translation," is to ex-
hibit amazingly bad judgment or
astoundingly careless use of language.
Fitzgerald's lines, for the most part,
happen to be poetic; these are not.
As for the "spirit," there is no
opening for intelligent comparison.
Criticism is public service. Some mea-
sure of how Hongkong is served may
be got by noting that the *Telegraph*
names this item as undoubtedly the best
thing in the book. Sometimes, in part,
literary criticism permits the factor of
personal taste to be allowed for, but
there are certain elemental criteria
that cannot be disregarded. It seems
that the journalistic amateurs in
criticism are uncannily of these.

The "Blue Lustre Jug" is a good
story, neatly and compactly told.
Follows a pretty poem—literally, hav-
ing the quality of prettiness—by
"Keith West," a poem marred, in our
judgment, by the line
"Spring, darkness-scented, with her
bursting pods,"
of which we have to say only that
darkness does not smell, and that
spring is not the season for bursting
pods. Pods usually mean seed pods.
If it be claimed as "poetic licence"
for the sheaths that spring
foliage must burst, we reply that too
much licence prevents poetry. Nathe-
less, we repeat, a "pretty" poem,
pretty sounding, if meaningless.

Then comes a bit of "prose" en-
titled "Nocturne," praising the unde-
niable natural beauties of England by
belittling those of Hongkong. Verdict:
undistinguished. Prose, qua prose,
should have certain poetic qualities
to make it worthy of the name.

After that some simple verses,
chastely passionate, with a hint of
allegory. They show power despite
their simplicity of form, and our com-
ment is therefore "promising."

Of the sketch by the same author,
"An Indian Bazaar," we can say
"this is prose." To our taste the last
three lines should have been omitted,
as anti-climax, intruding the irre-
levance that there was a French witness,
implying a moral judgment. Had it
stopped on the word "softly," it
would have been a vignette, a sug-
gestion of atmosphere and colour and
life. Read it aloud, and you'll under-
stand what we mean.

The "Peeps at Personalities" by
"P.T.L." make very interesting and
suitable reading, and are told in just
the appropriate easy conversational
tone. We regret that the author did
not capture for "snapping" more
"personalities" of the eminence of
Spencer.

Now comes "Keith West" again,
making ample amends with a highly
concentrated, almost epigrammatic,
poem on a dying Greek. It is so good
and so short that we annex it, thus:
"REMINISCENCE LACROS."

Dying, his thoughts to Greece
returned—
Returned the picture of his
vine-clad hill:
And the faint fire of life within
him burned.
The faster for a face, remem-
bered still.

SIR ROBERT HO TUNG.

HONOURED BY PRESIDENT
IN PEKING.

Sir Robert Ho Tung, who returns to
Hongkong from Peking received a
special audience of the President.
President Hsu spoke in the
highest terms of Sir Robert's
keen interest in China and Chinese
affairs and his fine work in aiding and
promoting Chinese industries and
expressed the hope that Sir Robert
would soon return to Peking.

On September 27, Sir Robert received
the appointment of Honorary
Adviser to the President of the Chinese
Republic, and the appointment of
Honorary Adviser to the Chinese
delegation to Washington.

These two tributes mark the high
esteem in which Sir Robert is held by
the presidency and Waichiaopu, and
which is shared by all departments
and circles in Peking.

CROWN LAND SALES.

A dozen lots, ten of which were at
Repulse Bay, were offered for sale at
an auction of Crown Lands that took
place at the P. W. D. yesterday after-
noon. Mr. Parker Rees had charge of
the hammer. Four of the Repulse
Bay lots were sold but there were no
bids at all for the other six. Those
sold were:—Inland Lot 177, upset
price, \$1,716; sale price, \$3,370. No.
18, upset price, \$2,780; sale price,
\$2,800. No. 182, upset price, \$2,175;
sale price, \$3,280. No. 183, upset
price, \$3,365; sale price, \$4,370.

Mrs. E. M. Stapleton who was a
keen bidder throughout managed to
secure No. 183. The other lots sold
were:—Kowloon Inland Lot 1430 for
\$2,400 (upset price, \$1,354) and a lot
at Shaaukwan for \$6,250 (upset price,
\$2,113).

TYPHOON WARNING.

The telegram quoted below was
received by the local American Con-
sulate General from the Manila
Observatory:—
11.15 a.m. to-day.
Typhoon in about 140 deg. Long.
E. 14 deg. Lat. N. moving N.W.

Where, in the patterned silence
of a glade
Pan's pipes had played.

A gem.
Ensue some didactic verses, entitled
"Have you e'er failed?" Our opinion
of them: Like the curate's egg in
the anecdote. "Parts of it are ex-
cellent." Some are not.

Then a long story, humorous.
Distinctly appropriate, if the *Swastika*
is for amateur writers. Treatment
amateurish.

A pretty sentiment from the
Chinese, "The Pearl," is not quite
successfully treated in two octettes.
Pursues it three quatrains which
taste as if rimmed from the Tupperney
Music stall—the banal honey-stuff
that suburbs like to sing, and that
always betrays a slight limp. How-
ever, we do not want to discourage
anybody. Let C. R. try again.

Item, a narrative of an episode of
the Chinese Revolution. Journalise.
C. R. does try again, and scores
much bigger points, with "Ichabod."
A fine parable of an aged leman, in
whose "falling clasp" there is
nothing left but the ashes and dust
of burnt out loves—and the jewels
that lured her. Good verses.

A two-page article about nocties
in the game of Auction Bridge.
Didn't read it. No judge. We pass.
A humorous lyric, probably by the
editor himself. In his style. Good
enough, but not up to his best form.
Distinctly amusing—which is no
doubt all that was aimed at.
Some notes of a short stay in Con-
stantinople. A business-like report
by a business-like pen.

By a lady very much impressed by
Elman's violin music, a poetic tribute
to "The Master." Flawed, smooth,
and with a touch of poetic eloquence.

Editorial puff. Betrays the hoo-
prints of the amateur. But now—
having given our honest and impartial
judgment of the contents, sentiment,
opinions by which we must stand or
fall as critics, have we not indicated
at least a fair dollar's worth? After
all, if the general effect of our
criticism be correctly assessed, we
should stand in no peril of having
applied to us Hamilton's atrocious
couplet:

"He, in truth, would be a very
nasty cur
Who would depreciate the current
Swastika."

For that we have not meant or
tried to do. We had hoped to see
more and better work, and we may
have been expecting unreasonably.
Perhaps we should quote the Man in
the Street, whose opinion (unolicited)
was "No use had—for Hongkong."

As a last comment the printing
and get-up are good, being from the
China Mail works. We shall pro-
bably find typographical fault with the
production. Good printing done here.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

AUSTRALIAN XI MAY COME HERE.

Hongkong cricketers will need to
put in some extra hard practice at the
nets this season for there is a chance
that an Australian XI, which is to
tour America next year will play a
game here in the Autumn of 1922. So
Mr. R. Hancock, the President of the
Hongkong Cricket Club, announced to
members at the Club's annual meet-
ing held in the pavilion last night.

Proposing the adoption of the an-
nual report the President said:—
"Gentlemen, the Committee's report,
together with statement of accounts
and auditor's report attached having
been in your hands for several days,
I will, with your permission, take
them as read. The accounts, I think,
call for little comment."

As you will see the Club has had
a very successful financial year, in
fact a record, the previous best having
been the season 1918-1920. The out-
standing feature is that subscriptions
show a surplus on working expenses
of \$2,117.15, a very healthy state of
affairs, and I see no reason why this
should not be repeated next season.
There is a profit on sales of cricket
and tennis gear and on the bar of
\$2,182.44, and two items under the
head of expenses are non-recurring,
namely Company registration fee of
\$827.51 and Interport entertaining
expenses \$461.54, totalling \$1,289.05.
Our pavilion is written down to \$1,
000, and this year we have written
down our furniture, fixtures, cricket
and tennis gear \$1,363.10 to \$17,229,
a safe figure, so I think you will agree
with me that we are in a very sound
position.

RECORD RUN-GETTER.

As mentioned in the report we played
three Interport matches during the
season, two here, against Shanghai
and the Straits, and we sent a team
to Shanghai in the spring. I should
like to take this opportunity of thank-
ing the members of the Shanghai
Cricket Club for the splendid recep-
tion they gave our XI during their
visit.

Mr. Pearce once again heads the
batting averages with the excellent
average of 56.48 for 26 innings, hav-
ing made 1186 runs which, I think, is
a record for a season here. Mr. Sayer
heads the bowling with an average
of 10.52.

It will interest those of you who do
not know, to hear that we are in com-
munication with a member of an
Australian XI which is visiting Amer-
ica next year, with a view to their
paying us a visit in the Autumn of
1922. Should things turn out as we
hope, we may have another triangular
Interport festival next year.

PAVILION SCHEME MODIFIED.

At meetings held some months ago
your Committee were empowered to
make arrangements for building a new
pavilion. As you all know it is the
intention of the Government to take
off the corner of our ground on which
our present pavilion stands, to enable
the tramway lines to be straightened
out, and as our pavilion has served its
purpose, and is no longer suitable,
and in addition is in a very bad state
of repair, thanks to the ravages of
dry rot, and white ants, we must
have another. We have had to
modify our original scheme,
owing to the lack of support from
members when subscriptions to
debentures were first asked for, and
the consequent delay in getting out
tenders, and prices of building has so
advanced that your Committee does
not feel justified in going on with the
original plans. I am pleased to say
that the necessary support has now
been promised for modified plans, and
we hope to make a start before very
long on the new building.

THANKS.

I should like to mention in this
connection that your Committee has
earmarked \$4,000 of the funds we
have in hand to start a sinking fund
for the redemption of the debentures.
The annual tennis tournament was,
as usual, a great success and the
thanks of the Club are due to Mr.
Nisbet for all the hard work he did
on behalf of the players.

Mr. Maitland on leaving for home
in the spring resigned the office of
President, which he had filled so ably
for many years, and I know I am only
voicing your feelings, when I express
on behalf of the Club the warmest
thanks of the members for the keen
interest and help he has displayed
during his long term of office.

Before proposing the adoption
of the report and accounts I
should like also to thank our
Honorary Secretary, Mr. Green-
hill, for his untiring efforts on
behalf of the Club. The position of
Hon. secretary to a Club of this size
is no sinecure and having been closely
associated with him for some time,
I can testify to the immense amount of
hard work he has done for the Club,
and it is largely owing to him that we
find ourselves in the good position we
are to-day. We offer him our best
thanks for all he has done.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

THE COMING SEASON.

YESTERDAY'S ASSOCIATION MEETING.

Arrangements for the coming foot-
ball season were made at a well
attended meeting of the Hongkong
Football Association, which was held
at the Victoria Barracks yesterday
evening.

Mr. R. J. Wilton was in the chair,
and there were present: Messrs W. H.
Thomson and J. Watson (R.G.A.),
H. J. Farmer (Wiltons), B. Pasco
(Kowloon), W. Andrew ("Titania"),
E. Moore ("Cairo"), H. C. Mac-
namara and J. Rodger (Club), C. H.
Blake (2nd League Secretary), D. D.
Urquhart (United), H. Kan (South
China), S. Bickie ("Ambrose"), H. G.
Austin ("Tamar" and tenders), R. H.
Omar (St. Joseph's), G. B. Jones
(referee "Ambrose"), H. B. Donnan
(Garrison R.C.), J. McCubbin (R.B.),
G. T. May (Council), W. C. Hollands
(referee), F. T. James, C. S. Reynolds
and J. Robertson (Police), and M. L.
Railton (hon. sec., and treasurer).

The Officers United announced that
they will be unable to run a team of
their own this season, but some of
their players will join other clubs.
The University wished to enter a
team in the second division as in
former years.

Monday, October 10, was fixed as
the last day on which entries may be
received for forthcoming season.

The following teams entered the
league:

First Division—"Tamar," R.G.A.,
Police, Kowloon, "Cairo," "Titania,"
"Ambrose" and South China.

The season begins on October 22.
The allocation of grounds was dis-
cussed, and it was suggested that a
representation be made to the Recrea-
tion Grounds Committee, in time for
next season, as to football being
authorised on the United Services Rec-
reation Club ground at Gun Club
Hill. The Hongkong F.C. represen-
tatives promised to facilitate the use
of their ground, as much as possible,
for Association games. The difficulty
was that, when the Association team
was playing away, the R.U. by section
wanted the ground. The same posi-
tion arose with regard to the Army
ground at Sookumpoo, and the num-
ber of grounds available for League
matches was stated to be reduced
sometimes, to five.

PROPOSED INTERPORT.

An invitation was read which had
been addressed to Shanghai to send a
team to Hongkong this season. No
definite reply had yet been received
from Shanghai.

On the proposition of Mr. James,
seconded by Mr. Palmer, it was agreed
to issue an invitation, also, to Singa-
pore to send a team.

Mr. McCubbin recalled occasions,
last season, when Chinese spectators
encroached on football grounds. It
was agreed to request the South
China Association and the Indian
R.C. to distribute leaflets amongst
the spectators on this subject at the
opening matches of the season.

An omission at the annual meeting
was repaired by the cordial approval
of a vote of thanks to Mr. Ralston,
the ex-hon. secretary, for his services.

The meeting concluded with an
expression of thanks to the Chairman
for presiding.

According to the Shanghai Chin-
ese press, a foreign landlord who
visited his property to investigate
personally complaints by his tenants
against a proposed increase in rents
had his motor car damaged by a
crowd of angry householders. The
report adds that the proposed increase
has been reduced from \$5 to \$2.

With these remarks, gentlemen, I
have much pleasure in proposing the
adoption of the report and accounts
for 1920-1921, and after they have
been seconded, I shall be pleased to
answer to the best of my ability any
questions members may ask.

Replying to a request by Mr.
Hamilton for information about the
modified "pavilion" scheme the
President said it was now intended to
erect a one-story building instead of
two as was at first suggested. The
accommodation generally would be
quite up to date and there would be
a flat roof from which members
would be able to watch matches.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. Hancock was re-elected
President and the following were made
members of the committee:—Mr. H.
A. Nisbet, Mr. F. C. Hall, Mr. R. C.
Lambert, Hon. Mr. Claud Severn,
Major Bagnall, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr.
G. B. Sayer, Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell and
Mr. R. E. A. Webster.

Mr. L. S. Greenhill was
unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary
and Mr. C. Bernard Brown was
reappointed auditor.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

SHACKLETON'S "QUEST" IN DIFFICULTIES.

UNABLE TO HOLD HER OWN AGAINST STRONG WIND.

TUG DESTROYED FROM LISBON.

Lisbon, October 3.

Shackleton's "Quest" is in difficulties off Cape Rosa owing to the strong wind. She is unable to hold her own and has asked for help. A tug has been despatched from Lisbon.

UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

EXPERTS DISCUSS INDUSTRIAL SITUATION WITH PREMIER.

London, October 3.

The experts who proceeded to the Gairloch to discuss the unemployment problem and industrial situation with Mr. Lloyd George spent a busy week and though their deliberations led to no concrete decisions, the Premier intimating that he must first consult the other groups in London. The experts were very reticent but it was gathered that they favour a big highly important concrete scheme regarding which they are very hopeful. The Premier has now arranged to deliver a half-hour address on unemployment on October 3 at Inverness en route to London at which, in order to save his voice, only pressmen will be present.

SWEDISH GENERAL ELECTION.

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS GAIN 5 AND COMMUNISTS FIVE SEATS.

COPENHAGEN, October 3.

The Swedish general election resulted in the return of 93 Social Democrats with a gain of 18 seats, 62 Conservatives with a loss of nine seats, 51 Liberals with a loss of seven seats, 21 Agrarians with a loss of eight seats, six Left Socialists with a gain of one seat and seven Communists with a gain of five seats.

LEAGUE EXPENSES.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET OF 21,000,000 FRANCS PASSED.

GENEVA, October 3.

The Assembly unanimously passed the 1922 budget totalling 21,000,000 francs, showing a reduction compared with last year's of 392,000 francs.

INTERNATIONAL COURT.

CHINA RECOGNISES TRIBUNAL'S JURISDICTION.

GENEVA, October 3.

Mr. Wellington Koo has notified the League Assembly of China's ratification of the protocol for a permanent court of justice and her intention to recognise the court's jurisdiction as binding subject to reciprocity for five years.

MOTORISTS FINED

DRIVING MOTOR CYCLE FROM SIDE CAR.

AN IRREGULAR SUMMONS.

At traffic time in Magistrate Lindell's Court this morning, R. E. Atwell was charged at the instance of Sergeant Alexander, with not having full control of his motor cycle while driving in Nathan Road, Kowloon, at 11.15 p.m., on September 24, and with failing to produce his driver's licence.

With regard to the first charge, Sergeant Alexander explained that the defendant was driving the cycle from the seat in the side car. That did not give him full control of his vehicle.

Atwell: I deny that I did not have full control.

The Magistrate: Your feet were in the side car?—Yes.

Then I fail to see how you have full control. How would you apply the brake and pull up the cycle if a coolie suddenly ran in front of it?—I can swerve or drop into a lower gear.

But that would not stop the cycle dead?—I have a handbrake. Mine is a left handed side car. The handle and horn are near at hand. Besides, I fail to see how any vehicle can fail to pull up at the speed I was going—8 miles an hour. It is a common practice in England to drive from the left car.

The Magistrate: Really? I never heard of it before.

Atwell: I have a motorist's handbook, and I can show a passage to you.

Mr. Wolfe, C.S.P. (who was present in Court), admitted that the practice was permissible in England, but said that fact did not make it any less dangerous.

Inspector Garrod said that the hand brake was not in working order. When it was applied, Sergeant Alexander was able to push the cycle several yards along Nathan Road.

Sgt. Alexander said that after he stopped the defendant, the latter begged him to push the cycle after hand brake had been applied several yards without any undue exertion.

The defendant said that at the time he was driving, he was under the impression that the gear was in working order. Only recently had it inspected.

With regard to the other charge, Atwell admitted that he did not produce his licence.

His licence, with him that he pointed out to the Magistrate, there was another car coming irregularly in the summons.

"I don't propose to raise any objection to it," he said. "I am admitting the offence."

The Magistrate (after examining the summons): Yes, it is a clerical mistake in copying the summons. To serve you on September 25 to attend Court on September 4, is certainly irregular! (Laughter). It is quite clear from the evidence that your hand brake was not sufficient to pull up the machine. Had it been in working order, you might have made a good case of it. You are fined \$5 on each charge.

DANGEROUS CORNER.

COLLISION NARROWLY AVERTED.

The driver of motor car No. 328 was then charged at the instance of Mr. Wolfe, C.S.P., with reckless driving on Garden Road on the night of September 24.

Mr. Wolfe said that about 7.25 p.m., he was driving his car himself past Government House on his way to the tram station. When he reached the east garden gate, he sounded his horn and proceeded to take the bend into Garden Road. The next thing he knew was that the defendant's car came sharply round the corner. "I found that I was making straight for him," Mr. Wolfe said, "so I put on the brake hard, and stopped two or three feet from him." The defendant cut the corner instead of making a curve into it, and carried on.

The defendant said that he had to cut the corner, because there was a chair in his way. The chair was turning into Kennedy Road.

The Magistrate: That should not have obstructed you.

Mr. Wolfe: Yes, I think it would be just in the position to prevent him making a big sweep.

The Magistrate: No, it was turning into Kennedy Road, don't you see?

Mr. Wolfe: Then he has no excuse. Besides, I saw no chair in the vicinity.

Mr. Wolfe added that two cars could not pass the bend abreast without scraping together. Had he not been aware that it was an extremely nasty corner and been driving slow in consequence, he would have hit the other car square in the middle of the body. That was hugging the extreme left as he was. Had he been a little to the middle of the bend, he would have caught the defendant's glancing blow. A collision would have been inevitable had witness not stopped dead.

The defendant said that besides the chair, there was another car coming down Garden Road.

Mr. Wolfe: I must say that is untrue. There was no other car in the vicinity at the time. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

GARDEN ROAD SPEEDING.

CHAIR PASSENGER TAKES ACTION.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton prosecuted the driver of motor car No. 463, owned by the Russell Street Garage, for reckless driving by speeding down Garden Road.

Mr. Hamilton said that when the defendant passed him at the junction of Kennedy Road the car was going at over 20 miles an hour. Before that, it had been going at anything between 30 and 50 miles an hour. The car was empty.

Inspector Garrod said that the control area on Garden Road was from the bend leading into Government House Road, to the Detention Barracks. Here the speed must not exceed 10 miles. The limit for other parts of the road was 15 miles.

The defendant said that he was travelling on second gear at between 13 and 14 miles before coming to the control area.

In the witness box, Mr. Hamilton said that he was proceeding up Garden Road in a chair about 7.50 p.m. on September 21, when a little below the corner of Kennedy Road, he saw the lights of a motor car near the Pumping Station at the entrance of Macdonnell Road. It was travelling very fast. When he could see the car clearly, it was going so fast that he thought it was running away, and pulled his chair into Kennedy Road.

The defendant slowed up before he got to the bend and passed it at about 20 miles an hour. He took the defendant's number as he passed the lamp post: it was No. 363. Before the defendant got to the bend, the witness estimated he was going at anything between 30 and 50 miles an hour.

The Magistrate: Your estimate is based on your experience?—Yes, I have often ridden a bicycle down the road, nearly every morning, almost, and know how dangerous it is. Although I don't drive a car myself, I strongly object to being driven fast down that road, and always keep my eyes on the speedometer.

Mr. Hamilton added that he reported the matter to the police by telephone.

Defendant: I did not know my number was being taken.

Inspector Garrod said that he had warned the accused as soon as he received the report, so there could be no excuse on that score.

Defendant: No man could drive fast on second gear.

The Magistrate: Nonsense.

Defendant: Not down that road. It has too many curves.

Mr. Hamilton said that he did not bring this case through any malice, but because he went up that road every day of his life. "And I am positively in fear of my life these days!"

Defendant: My car makes a tremendous noise when on second gear. That must have frightened Mr. Hamilton and made him think I was going fast.

The Magistrate: Oh, I see! You suggest that you frightened him, and he probably thought that it was a tank coming down the road? I find the case proved against you, and fine you \$15.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The newly-organized Canton Stock and Produce Exchange celebrated its formal opening last Saturday.

Subscription of \$1 to the Canton labourers' hospital, which has just been opened, entitles a worker to free medical attention.

A general meeting of members of the Hongkong Automobile Association is advertised to take place in the City Hall on Tuesday, October 25.

In connection with the Hongkong Football Association Section a practice will take place on the Club ground tomorrow, Wednesday, at 5.15 p.m.

About 5000 Canton bakers and waiters propose to establish a large union to include the bakers and waiters of Hongkong and Macao. A night school will be opened by the proposed union for the benefit of the members.

Next Monday, October 10, will be the tenth Anniversary of the birth of the Chinese Republic and the people of Canton city are busily preparing a fitting programme to celebrate the day. A programme committee has been formed to prepare the celebration. A mass meeting will be held at the East Garden while parades, fireworks, receptions, and entertainments will be the order of the day. President Sun Yat-sen will review the troops at the North Parade Ground.

INTERPORT DANCE THEFT

FOUR WEEKS' JAIL FOR V.R.C. COOLIE.

The V.R.C. coolie remanded yesterday by Magistrate Lindsell on a charge of having stolen a silver cigarette case belonging to Mr. H. A. Castro during the Interport dance on Saturday night, was again before the Court this morning.

The Secretary, Mr. R. C. Wittell, said that at 2 a.m. on Sunday he received a report from Mr. Castro about the loss of the cigarette case. At 5 a.m. he warned all the Club boys to return the case to him if found. At 11 a.m. he mustered all the boys and coolies, the accused among them, and questioned them individually. The accused, who was shivering, produced an empty Westminster cigarette tin. Witness told him that it was a better tin than that. The accused then asked if it was a white metal one. The witness replied "Perhaps it is made of white metal. Have you got it?"

The accused then owned up to having taken it home, adding that he forgot to bring it back to the Club. The police were then summoned. Sub-inspector Clark accompanied the accused to his house and returned with the case. Mr. Wittell added that at 7.30 on Saturday night, before the dance started, he had warned all the boys and coolies to hand him anything they picked up. He took this precaution because a string of pearls had been lost in the ladies' dressing room that afternoon. Had the accused wished to hand the case to him, he could have found him at the Club, as he was "all over the place," and was the last man to leave after the dance.

A bar boy admitted that the accused had shown the cigarette case to him, but denied that anything was said. He thought accused was going to hand the case to Mr. Wittell.

The accused: There were three cigarettes in it. I took one and offered you one, but you would not take it.—"No, that is not true."

A boothhouse coolie and the carpenter both denied that the accused had shown them the case.

The Magistrate (to accused): If you think you can make me believe that you innocently took the case home, and yet smoked all the cigarettes in it, you are mistaken. You will go to jail for four weeks with hard labour.

Refusing to grant demands for higher wages, the Canton crockery shops closed their doors on Saturday.

Command orders state that officers invited to Government House on Thursday, October 6 will wear uniform. Dress-breeches and leggings. Swords will be worn.

A clean bill of health was returned for the Colony during the 48 hours ended yesterday. Last week four died from influenza, one from plague, and from puerperal fever. One imported case of paratyphoid fever, British, was also reported.

Very handy to shippers should be the list of liners calling at Hongkong compiled by the Shipping Department of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha. Revised for September the list sets forth clearly and succinctly the destination and intermediate ports of every line touching here, together with the owning company's full name, that of its local agents, and the names of its steamers. Incidentally the list serves to show how many and distant are the ports that may be reached without leaving a steamer boarded here—New York, Buenos Aires, Capetown, Algiers, Copenhagen, Rio de Janeiro, Bremen, and many others.

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HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

Association Section.

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H. C. MACNAMARA.
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, October 4, 1921.

HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE IN HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held on TUESDAY, 25th October, 1921 at 5.30 p.m. in the old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall. Circulars will shortly be sent to members in regard to matters to be brought forward at the Meeting.

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"KARMA"	9,000	11th Nov.	MARSEILLES, LONDON & A.werp.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	4th Oct. at 1 p.m.	Calcutta, via Singapore Penang and Rangoon.

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S. S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ARAFURA"	6,000	17th Oct.	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
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RESULT OF LABOUR DISPUTES.

A very significant step has just been taken by the famous British shipbuilding firm of Messrs. Yarrow and Co., Ltd., of Scotstoun, Glasgow, and formerly of Poplar, London. The following notice was posted up in their works on the Clyde:

Owing to repeated strikes, reduction of output, and demarcation disputes which have taken place in various industries throughout the country, the cost of shipbuilding has become excessive, in addition to which, it is impossible to promise dates of delivery.

With the greatest regret we have, therefore, decided to temporarily close our works, with the exception of our experimental and research department, on or about the 30th of November.

We shall re-open when conditions enable business to be carried on with some chance of success.

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So soon as these laws are recognised it will enable the firm to re-open its works, and, as in the past, take some share in future progress.

In the meantime, the firm intends to continue experimental and research work so that the valuable information to be obtained will be available when full activities are resumed.

STEAMSHIP VALUES.

NINETY PER CENT DEPRECIATION IN TWELVE MONTHS.

The example of the great depreciation which has taken place in the value of second-hand steamers is furnished by the sale of the 23-year-old steel steamer "Kinsale," owned by the British-Hispano Line, Ltd., "Cardiff." This vessel, which was built by Richardson, Duck & Co., Stockton, and launched in August, 1896, has a dead weight capacity of 4,115 tons. She was purchased by the Penang Shipping Co., Ltd., "Cardiff," two years ago, at a cost of £82,500, and was sold in November last year to the British Hispano Line, Ltd., for £50,000. She has now been resold to Italian buyers for £29,000. Thus in the course of two years this vessel has depreciated from a value of £20 per deadweight ton to just over £2 a ton, a depreciation of 90 per cent.

Another interesting sale is that of the steel steamer "Temaire," of 550 tons deadweight, purchased by the Mize Shipping Co., Ltd., Cardiff, for less than £10,000. The vessel, which is to be renamed "Inisholm," has been bought to replace the steamer "Inishjura," which was lost. She was launched 31 years ago at Ayr. Eighteen months ago the "Temaire" changed hands at £45,000, and in June of last year at £33,500. She has just been overhauled and gone through her No. 3 survey, and is classed 100 A1. From this it will be seen that the vessel, which changed hands at £82 per deadweight ton 18 months ago, has now been sold for £18 a ton, a depreciation of 78 per cent.

THE PORT OF COLOMBO.

HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

Colombo Harbour has been found inadequate to meet shipping demands, and the Ceylon Government is now considering its extension. The process of enlarging the harbour will involve enormous expenditure. Local experts believe that an inland wet-dock should be constructed on Blumenthal Swamp, and that the harbour extension should consist of a tidal basin inland toward the Ketchikama Swamp.

The Ceylon Government has made the necessary arrangements to feed oil-driven ships at Colombo by pipe lines laid from the harbour to large oil tanks, says *Indian Motor News*, and it is now preparing to build a series of Government oil installations having a capacity of 50,000 gallons each. These are to be rented out to the various oil companies operating there for a cheap, efficient, and uniform distribution of petrol and kerosene throughout the country. At present every oil merchant is required always to have a fat stock in hand.

GENERAL NOTES.

The s.s. "Oriental," the third of the four large vessels built at Kiangnan for the United States Shipping Board, on her trial run last week attained a speed of 13.48 knots.

The s.s. "Nile" will sail for Java to-morrow opening up the new passenger line of the China Mail Company between Shanghai and Hongkong and Singapore and Java.

The Shipping Board announces that it has accepted a bid of 2,100 dollars each for 201 of its wooden vessels. The purchaser is the Ship Construction and Trading Corporation. The vessels cost from 300,000 to 800,000 dollars each.

Statistics relating to the working of the principal ports are now available for the month of June. The registered tonnage of vessels arriving at United Kingdom ports in June was 6,596,470 tons, against 6,294,052 tons in May, and a decrease of 35.18 per cent compared with the corresponding period of last year: of vessels departing, the net registered tonnage was 6,800,494 tons, against 5,803,730 tons in May, and a decrease of 38.64 per cent compared with June, 1920. The imports at Manchester were 197,586 tons, exports 10,814 tons, re-exports 424 tons, making a total of 208,824 tons, against 174,685 in June of last year, and compared with 1,440,244 tons for London, 735,915 tons for Liverpool, 354,201 tons for Hull, 190,323 for Glasgow, and 157,296 for Bristol.

The agent of the Lloyd Triestino, at Shanghai has informed the Press, that he is in receipt of a cable from the company's head office at Trieste to the effect that the British Government has returned the str. "Koerber," to the Lloyd Triestino and has not taken to pay all costs of repairs. The "Koerber," which was on the Far Eastern run, was seized off Port Said in August, 1914, and taken to Alexandria. She was not, however, declared a prize by the Prize Court at that port, but was commandeered by the government and used throughout the war as a transport. There is reason to believe that all other boats belonging to this line, commandeered by the Allies, will shortly be returned to the Lloyd Triestino, with the exception of the str. "Bohemian," "China" and "Silesia," all of which were seized by the Chinese government when China declared war.

Some years ago a noted English firm of steam turbine manufacturers sent out to a remote part of Canada an electric power plant. The erector noticed when he assembled the parts that the nut adjusting block for taking up end-thrust was missing. As time was pressing, he ordered what he thought was required from the nearest engineering works in Vancouver, and advised his firm accordingly, observing that there was a flange and some loose bits which apparently fitted on the end of the turbine spindle—what were they for? His firm immediately cabled their erector to cancel his order to Vancouver, and to fit the "flange and loose bits," which was in fact the thrust block. The firm referred to (Messrs. Bellis and Morcom, of Birmingham) were one of the first to appreciate the advantages of the Mitchell thrust and fit it to steam turbines long before it was adopted for marine purposes. The innovation was so revolutionary that the mistake of the erector was quite excusable.

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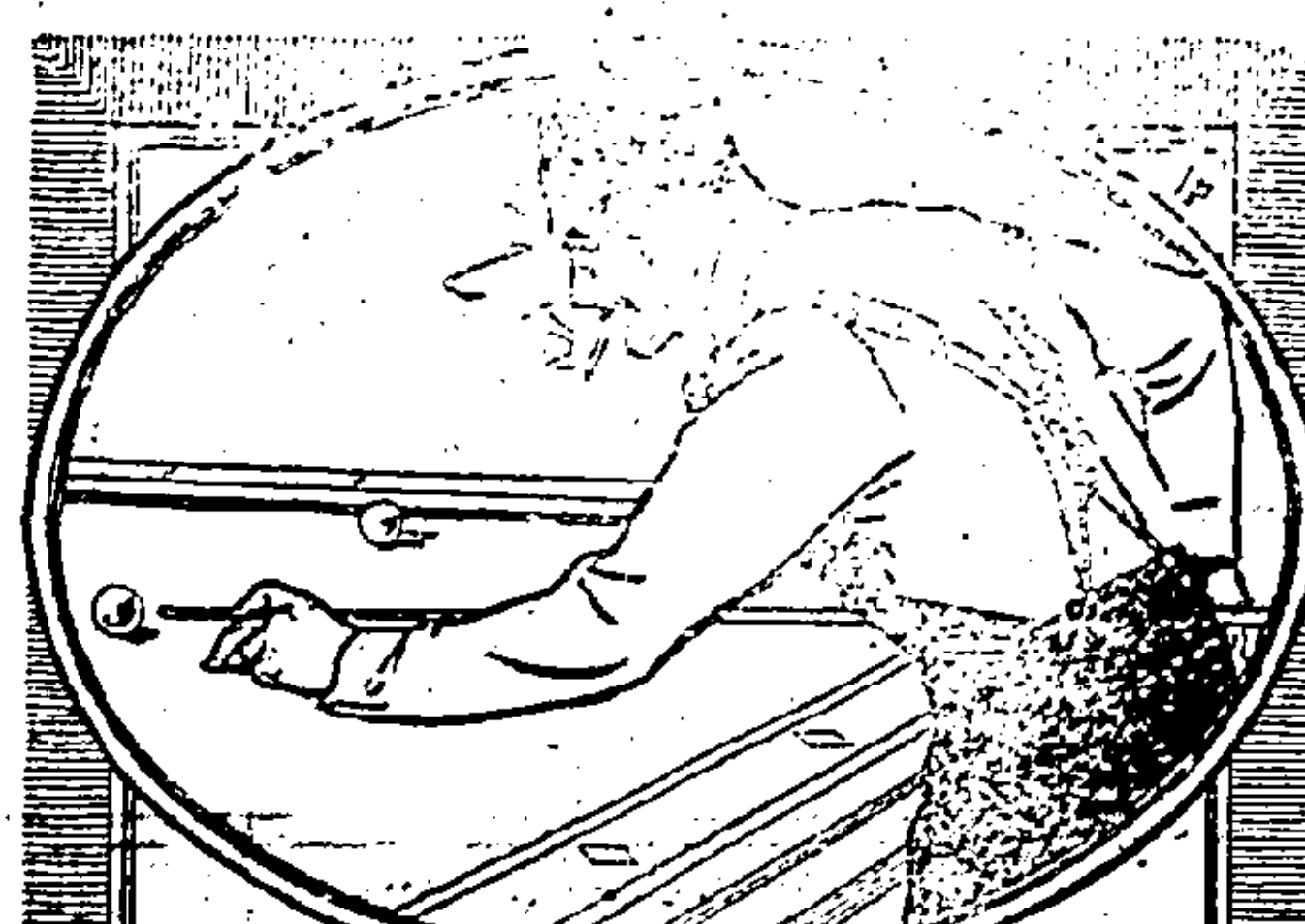
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Wireless Possibilities.

Senator Marconi at the annual meeting of the Marconi Company at the Connaught Rooms speaking of the many recent important advances in aerial telegraphy and telephony, said that, subject to satisfactory arrangements with the Post Office, they hoped in the near future to create telephonic services with several foreign countries, and, provided they had the opportunity, as they hoped to have, of creating a wireless telegraphic service between England and Australia, it was quite within the range of possibility that they might hereafter supply Australia with telephonic communication. He criticised the failure of the Post Office at their station at Loughfield to use recent patents which were being employed in the American, French, and German stations.

A Coffin Trust.

The high cost of living in America is apparently exceeded only by the high cost of dying, according to the revelations of Government investigators, who announce the existence of a coffin trust in all large cities. It is stated that sufficient evidence has been obtained to secure the indictments under the Sherman Anti-Trust Law of the leading funeral directors of New York, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, and other large cities, who are accused of entering into a conspiracy to rob the public. Coffins which cost 27 1/2 to manufacture are sold by undertakers by methods destructive of competition for \$150, while inexpensive caskets costing \$5 at the factory are sold to the poor for \$75 or \$100.

The Three Mile Limit.

In view of the recent seizure of a British schooner outside the United States three mile limit it is interesting to recall the rather nasty international incident finished in July, 1910, when the trawler "Onward Ho" was released by the Russian Government after energetic representations by the Foreign Office. The Hull fishing community were afraid that the matter would be made a precedent and all British trawlers, debarred from the White Sea, which was the reason of so much diplomatic bother being made over her capture and detention. When she was caught by two Russian men-of-war she was over forty miles from the nearest point of land, which appears to be enough to satisfy even a Russian's idea of the three mile limit, but even so it was touch and go whether she was not condemned. Fortunately our authorities stood their ground and insisted that no country had the right to extend its borders into the free seas according to its own sweet will. It was all part of the Masovite plan to make the White Sea a Russian lake in all particulars, especially with regard to the fishing rights, a plan which they have not given up even now.

Plane V Battle-Ship.

The battleship has not been rendered obsolete by the aeroplane, in the opinion of the American Joint Army and Navy Board, whose report on the recent aerial bombing tests off Virginia Capes was published in mail week. The report holds that the battleship is still the backbone of the fleet and the bulwark of the nation's sea defence, and that this will remain true so long as the safe navigation of the sea for purposes of trade or transportation is vital to success in war. Despite the fact that the board admits the ability of aircraft to sink seriously damage any naval vessel at present constructed, the general tenor of the report is decidedly favourable to the contentions of naval officers that the introduction of the aeroplane has not revolutionised modern naval warfare. However, the joint board recognises that the development of the aeroplane has introduced a new menace to the battleship which the nation must meet and has added to the complexity of naval warfare. Therefore, it is recommended, the science of aviation should receive particular attention and the construction of aeroplanes should be undertaken.

GENERAL ITEMS.

A Weymouth fisherman has caught in West Bay, Weymouth, a porpoise which weighed more than 400lb.

"Ten bicycles, on an average, are stolen every day in London," said Detective-Sergeant Pearce at Bow street.

Bournemouth Town Council declined to support a proposal to construct a racecourse on the outskirts of the town.

In the Medway, Miss Winnie Addley, 16, swam from Rochester to Sheerness, 16 miles, in 8 hours 32 minutes. For 3 1/2 hours she battled with adverse currents.

Southwark Guardians are asking permission from the Ministry of Health to give to women workhouse inmates who are 60 years of age 4oz. of sweets weekly instead of snuff.

In their report to the Eastbourne guardians, Sussex, the Asylum Visiting Committee suggests that the great preponderance of female lunatics is due to the stress and strain and wear and tear of housekeeping.

While officiating at a wedding the Rev. D. E. M. Simmonds, vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Ramsbottom, Lancashire, dropped dead. A clergyman from a neighbouring parish completed the ceremony. Mr. Simmonds was 78.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has had a slight accident at Belle-sur-Mer, her beautiful island home off the coast of Brittany. She slipped and fell, hurting her leg and rendering surgical attention necessary. Her general health is not seriously affected.

"A friend from New Zealand recently brought me some charming jewellery made entirely of gum," writes a woman correspondent. "It resembles amber; in fact, at first I thought it was amber. A heart-shaped pendant was of a wonderful transparency, while a brooch was made of a piece that was clouded and deep in colour."

A perambulator containing a 16-month old baby was left by the child's grandmother at Sehill Railway Station, near Newcastle, while she went for a moment to the waiting-room. The perambulator moving forward, fell on the line in front of a light engine, which passed over and killed the child.

An American named Hypolyte Martinet is walking round the world with bare feet, accompanied by a dog and carrying on his shoulders his entire belongings. He seems very happy. He started from Seattle, Washington and crossed the Rockies to the Atlantic. His subsequent route was by way of Antwerp, Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Nice, and Geneva.

The Russian newspaper says the Berlin correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, contains a decree signed by Commissary of Education Lunacharsky, forbidding the mention of fairies, angels or devils in fairy tales. "Angels" are to be supplanted by "scientists and technicians who have served humanity" and "princely heroes" are "to be represented in their true colour as oppressors and despots."

If you want to be really up-to-date in American "feminine" society nowadays you acquire a famous miniature artist and have a picture done on a finger-nail. The process is not explained but it is said that the tiny portrait, usually of a fiancee, is charming against the rose background of the finger-nail. It seems not to be suggested that the portrait is necessarily permanent. And that is perhaps just as well!

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SPORT

INTERPORT POLO.

SHANGHAI TEAM ON WAY.

According to a cable from our Shanghai correspondent, received here yesterday, the Shanghai Interport Polo team left there by the "Empress of Russia," on Saturday, and is due here via Manila on Thursday, October 6.

The Interport match is fixed for Monday, October 10. For Wednesday, October 12, a Polo Gymkhana preceded by a four chukkas match between the Shanghai Light Horse and a Hongkong team representing the Army Post and Present, is proposed.

The A. P. and P. will be represented by Major Timmis, Capt. Johnson, Lieut. Doddington and Mr. J. Bell Irving.

The S.L.H. was to have been represented by the Interport team, with the exception of J. H. Brennan, who was to have been substituted by A. David, their reserve man. However, it has now been definitely decided that David will not make the trip here, and it looks as if the Interport team will have to play the A. P. & P.

The Gymkhana programme will include an Interport Section Test: Pegging competition. As this is a sport which Shanghai follows keenly, strong competition is assured.

The other events will be: Catching Tennis Ball: Gentlemen to ride at full gallop and throw tennis balls to ladies, who will catch them. Three runs.

Polo: Competitors will be mounted and will start from far side of Polo Ground near stables, and hit a golf ball round a post with any golf club except a putter, to a hole opposite the Pavilion. First competitor holding out to win. Competitors to provide their own golf clubs and balls.

Grotesque Green Stakes: Gentlemen mounted will ride to a point where mafios will be awaiting them, and where they will hand over their ponies. They will then run to the place where their lady partners in rishas will be awaiting them, and pull them to the winning post. Richas will be provided.

Musical Chairs: Competitors will ride bare backed.

Threading Needle Race: Gentlemen carrying a needle and thread will ride to a point where their mafios will await them, and where they will thread the needle. Gentlemen will return mounted, and the first gentleman to thread the needle with his cigarette-lighted and his needle threaded will win.

Favourable weather has enabled the Hongkong team to put in much practice, playing three times a week. This has given them good opportunity for studying each other's play, also the ponies, which are in fine fettle, and pace well, although handicapped a little by the hard ground.

The Shanghai ponies too, are in good trim. They are being put through their paces at the Racecourse every morning, and give very good account of themselves.

This week the practices have been fixed for Monday, Wednesday and Friday, so that the players will be able to get in their three days' practice and attend the Gymkhana on Saturday. Next week the Interport match will be played on Monday, and the Polo Gymkhana takes place on Wednesday. On Saturday, October 10, it is proposed to commence a tournament which will probably last a month. Some very interesting games are assured.

CONTEST HERE OCTOBER 10.

SOME SHANGHAI NOTES.

Under the heading "Polo Notes," "The Club's Top Energetic Coolie: Hongkong's Interport Representatives," the N. C. D. News of September 26, says:—

With that ironical humour for which Clotcho, Lachis and Atropos are not unjustly famed, as the Polo season draws to a close and the pick of the ponies are already on their way to Hongkong to assist in defending the cup, with the team to follow in a few days, never have we enjoyed any finer week-end overhead, nor has the ground underfoot been in better condition. The fact that the precocious foresight of the race among whom we live not unnaturally causes the groundman to remove the essentials of play and practice, to wit, the boundary boards, long before necessary, on the grounds "My thimble no wanthee," is a matter not to be wondered at in a country where youth is taught to wear its waistcoat outside its coat and paradoxically to close its trousers at the bottom in preference to the top. Rather are those still desirous of playing to be congratulated on their good fortune in having the very excellent turf left on the ground for their delectation, for it would seem that only by a gross and most unusual oversight has the worthy club coolie left so valuable a perquisite untouched.

However, this latter premature pleasure on his part is in all probability a blessing in disguise, for it has enabled the Interport team to practice control of distance as well as direction, and must, therefore, be welcomed as an unlooked for opportunity and beneficial experience.

THE HONGKONG PLAYERS.

Latest news from Hongkong indicates that the Crown Colony will be represented by Major Timmis, of the Garrison and of Interport fame, at back, Captain Neville, the Governor's A.D.C., at No. 3, Mr. Bibby, the honorary secretary of the Hongkong Polo Club, at No. 2, and Mr. Sargeant at No. 1. This team it was that recently played a visiting American team composed of the members of General Leonard Wood's party, captained by Mr. Wm. Forbes, ex-Governor of Manila. The Hongkong team was successful, but too much cannot be gathered from this, as the strength of the visitors is not known here. However, as it is reported that Hongkong is well mounted—last year, be it remembered, their mounts were if anything slightly superior to the Shanghai product—our team apparently will have all its work out during so short a stay.

POSSIBLE GAME AT MANILA.

The team leaves on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" on October 1, via Manila, where it hopes to get a friendly game with the Manila Polo Club, this, of course, will necessitate borrowing mounts in this particular instance. The Shanghai-Hongkong Interport match itself will be played on Monday, the 10th, as the Hongkong Gymkhana Club find it impossible to postpone a gymkhana race meeting already arranged for Saturday, the 8th.

The date of the match, the Shanghai Light Horse v. the United Services, is not yet settled. However, with the club at Manila, a gymkhana meeting and two important Polo matches, the Shanghai team should not find many dull moments during their trip, and, when it is taken into consideration that the said trip is to be made on the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," the finest ship of the fleet on the Pacific, on which travels the best jazz band afloat on the Seven Seas, well, as Harry Lauder remarks—"Get next."

LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP.

The final of the Pairs Championship of the Shanghai Lawn Bowls Club, was played off on Saturday, September 24. A close and exciting game resulted in a win for Dunlop and McCallum, 23-19. Harborne and McCallum opened well, and were leading up to the 16th head. Dunlop and Simmons' victory was unexpected after the run of play in the opening half of the game. The winners scored at 12 ends and the losers at 9.

JOCKEY CLUB.

SATURDAY'S GYMKHANA.

THE HANDICAPS.

The following are the handicaps for the three handicap events at next Saturday's Gymkhana:—

1 1/2 MILE HANDICAP.

Fawnshop	160
Ameer	160
Bolshevik	159
Lighting	158
Mountain Bear	158
Leighton	158
Flywheel	153
St. Anthony	152
Hiddlewinks	152
Siamese Cat	150
Humorist	149
Spilt Child	149
Beggar King	147
Dandy Child	147
Tuckshop	147
Mountain Mist	146
Coniston	146

3 MILE HANDICAP.

Scampersale	160
Lighting	156
Spyrie	153
Mountain Bear	153
Ardelan	152
Hiddlewinks	150
Flywheel	150
St. Anthony	149
Humorist	145

"B" Class.

Carpenter	158
Romance	155
Miserrimus Doleful	155
Neston	154
Spilt Child	152
Mystic Dahlia	152
Beggar King	152
Dandy Child	151
Tuckshop	150
Frome	150
Mountain Mist	149
Que Vadis	149
Golden Syrup	147
King Harry	147
Delkho	146

In making the announcement that "the Peking government is in financial difficulties," the *China Times* states that a government representative is endeavouring to arrange a loan of \$10,000,000 with certain banks in Shanghai, on the security of debenture bonds, and it is added that the banks are willing to accept this security at a 60 per cent. discount.

THE SCORES WERE:—

Ends	Shots	Total	Dunlop and Simmons	Shots	Total
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	3	3	1	1	1
3	5	8	1	1	1
4	—	8	2	3	5
5	—	8	2	5	7
6	1	9	—	5	5
7	3	12	—	5	5
8	—	12	2	7	9
9	1	13	—	7	7
10	2	15	—	7	7
11	—	15	2	9	11
12	1	16	—	9	9
13	1	17	—	9	9
14	—	17	1	10	14
15	—	17	4	14	18
16	—	17	2	16	18
17	—	17	1	17	18
18	—	17	1	18	19
19	2	19	—	18	18
20	—	19	3	21	24
21	—	19	2	23	25
19	—	23	—	—	—

GOLF.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The Captain's Cup in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club competition was played for over the Old Course at Fanling last weekend, the following are the best scores returned:—

Dr. F. Pierce Grove	91-14=77
Mr. A. H. Ferguson	81-8=73
Mr. J. W. Franks	94-12=82
Major Lloyd	95-12=83
Mr. W. W. Mackenzie	92-8=84
Dr. D. J. Valentine	96-8=88
Mr. L. Nelson	103-14=89

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What is Mars saying in these mysterious messages which Marconi thinks he has picked up? If these etherograms from the ruddy planet are no more important than the communications the psychic researchers extract so painfully from the spirit plane they can't amount to much. Considering how dry Mars is, according to the astronomers, it may be no more than what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina, says the *San Francisco Chronicle*.

What language do the Martians speak across space to earth? And how shall we interpret it? The Egyptologists could not decipher the monuments until they picked up the Rosetta stone on which some obliging ancient had written the same thing three times—in hieroglyphics, vulgar Egyptian and Greek. But we can't conceive of a Rosetta stone bearing a Martian document side by side with

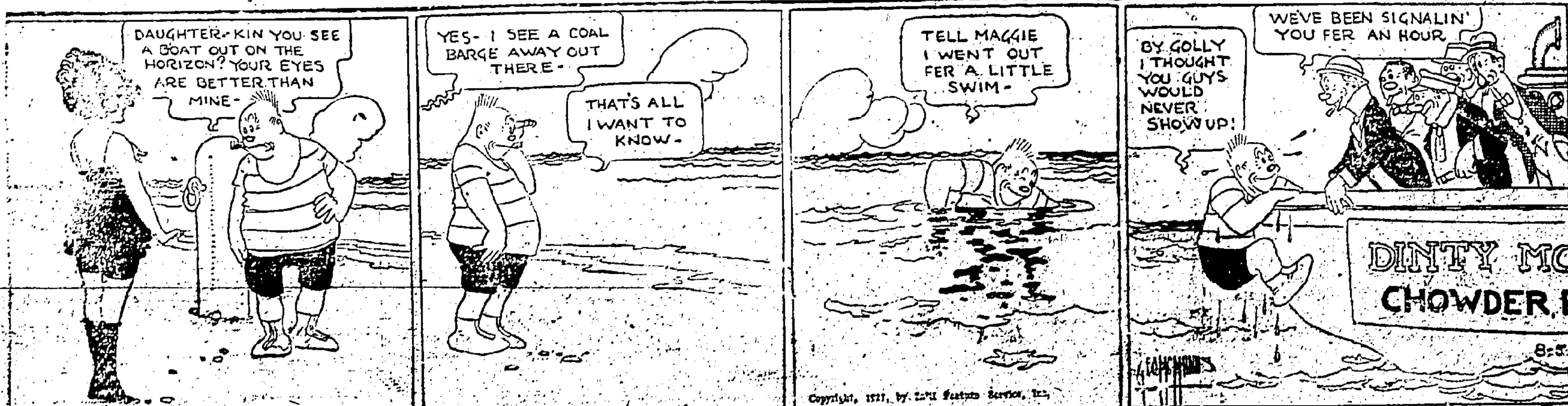
its translation into a language of earth.

Marconi has a scheme to transmit by wireless movies of a man with a dot and dash combination which the clever Martians will twig as our word symbol for a human being. From that start he thinks we can build up an earth-Martian pidgin. But how do we know that the Martians will recognize a man as anything believable under heaven. They may have no such funny looking creatures on their globe.

Communication with Mars sounds interesting, but it looks to be immensely complicated.

An action has been instituted in the Court of the Belgian Consulate-General at Shanghai, whereby Mr. L. W. Luyt, advocate, claims from the Banque Belge pour l'Etanger the sum of Shanghai Tls. 43,996.97 due upon a contract for exchange under which the Bank is alleged to have sold to him in August, 1920, the sum of \$20,000 T.T. at the rate of 6s. for delivery up to Chinese New Year, which was on February 7 last, when the rate had dropped to 5s. 5d.

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SPECIAL CABLE.

ABATTOIR FIRE.

OVER 300 SHEEP AND CALVES PERISH.

(China Mail Special.)

SHANGHAI, October 4.
Fire broke out at the municipal abattoir in the Hongkew district. 279 sheep and 84 calves perished.

OFF TO THE SOUTH.

SHACKLETON'S "QUEST" IN DIFFICULTIES.

BOLD ENDEAVOUR IN TINY SHIP.

In view of the cable received to-day that Shackleton's "Quest" is in difficulties off Cape Rosa owing to the strong wind and has asked for help from Lisbon, the following notes by a Home correspondent are of timely interest. At the age of forty-seven, twenty years after he first came under the Antarctic spell, Shackleton is going south on his fourth Antarctic venture. His little ship the "Quest" is so small that without masts and funnel she could be towed away comfortably in one of the smoke stacks of the "Aquitania" which gave her a stately escort down Southampton Water the other day. No one knows better than Shackleton, Wild, and Worsley what has to be faced, and the "Quest" was deliberately chosen because she can be easily handled in emergencies and may be pulled out of an ice-squeeze where a larger ship might be caught fast. Small ships have done big things in world exploration; it was in a herring boat of forty-seven tons that Amundsen did the North-west Passage.

The cruise of the "Quest" is conceived on lines quite different from anything that has been done or attempted since the renewal of the siege of the South Pole. Shackleton will attempt no land excursion, but will circumnavigate the Southern Continent in a vast, irregular circle, picking up in his cruise a series of diminutive islets which hold the key to the geological connection between the ocean beds and the environment of masses of Africa, America, and Australia. Most of these tiny islands are mere specks set in the midst of turbulent seas. It may be that landings are impossible, but if the scientific of the expedition can be put ashore their investigations into the structure and the fauna and flora of those isolated patches of dry land should yield information of the highest value and interest to the world of science.

A more exacting test of the qualities of the "Quest" will come when the little ship heads southward for the Antarctic Circle in an attempt to uncover the great segment of the Southern Continent between Queen Mary Land and the Weddell Sea. Of the "Enderby" "Quadrant," as it was named by the late Sir Clements Markham, little or nothing is known. In an area some 3,000 miles long, only one speck of land has been seen. It was sighted some ninety years ago by the intrepid John Biscoe, shipmaster in the employ of Enderby Brothers, shipowners of London, a firm who encouraged their captains to combine the duty of exploration with the business of sealing. Shackleton will endeavour to unveil the whole extent of the Quadrant by a skilful working of the "Quest" among the pack ice that guards its coasts. It is a bold endeavour, replete with possibilities of sudden danger from bergs, icefields, and blizzards.

TYPHOON IN JAPAN.

OSAKA REGIONS WRECKED BY TERRIFIC STORM.

Osaka, September 27.—Although the telegraphs and telephones are still interrupted, details of the damage done by the terrific typhoon which ravaged Kansai on Sunday night and in the small hours of Monday are beginning to come in.

Four hundred and fifty houses have been demolished in the Gifu district, with some loss of life. Eighty-one houses in Osaka have been destroyed and hundreds of others flooded. Three hundred fishing boats have been completely smashed and many persons killed and injured. Landslides with the collapse of houses are reported throughout the district. A number of houses have been blown down in Kobe, and there has also been much damage done to shipping. Four sailing-ships have foundered, and many lighters, launches and barges have been damaged.

Many vessels put out on Sunday afternoon thinking that the storm had

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CHEROO WRECKED BY TYPHOON.

Writing on September 19, the Cheroo correspondent of the N. C. Daily News says:—

There has been another demolition of the local Bund and this time thoroughfare, of which we were somewhat proud, is to-day a heap of ruins. Residents have been interested to see how the new stretch, covered with asphaltum, would stand the inroads of the autumn storms. Now its powers of resistance have been put to the test and, while most of the Bund has gone, through the violence of the waves experienced on Saturday and yesterday, the only remaining fifty yards or so of solid road comes in that asphaltum portion.

Beyond this there is one long stretch of devastation. Outside the Russian Consulate there is hardly any debris left to mark the previous roadway, stones, mortar, plaster and concrete having been completely swept away. A storm of unusual violence, being characterized to-day as the worst in Cheroo's history, and accompanied by spring tides has wrought enormous havoc along the sea shore. The old Romans found a most effective method of battering down masonry to be the use of huge beams of wood hurled time and again at the foundations of their attack. Cheroo has suffered an almost similar attack for the breaking of the Bund is ascribed to the presence of a flotilla of logs, spread along the sea front. These were dashed like corks in the grasp of the enormous rollers and were hurled incessantly all Saturday afternoon and Sunday against our unfortunate bulwarks. Little wonder, then, that our delightful promenade road comes in that asphaltum portion.

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